

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of May 8, 2003

Present: Janice Zikakis, member Larry Jose, member
Jeff Stewart, member John Goetz, member
Tom Krent, member Kathleen Fejes, member
Meaghan Kovacs, member Ida Edmunds, member
Jeff Biegler, staff Stu Alderman, staff
Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: Doug Bordas, Orestes Kaltsounis

Visitors: Richard Hughes

Naming of Section One Golf Course - Discussion followed regarding the lack of opportunity for input, review of submissions and recommendation of a name for the course by the Park Board.

A motion by John Goetz, supported by Kathleen Fejes, to recommend to City Council that, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board be given the opportunity to make recommendations for names for public lands before a name is chosen.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

A motion by Janice Zikakis, supported by Tom Krent, that the minutes from March 13, 2003 and April 24, 2003 be approved as submitted.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominations - The year-long term for the current chairman and vice chairman will end next month and elections will be necessary.

Nominations were opened; Tom Krent nominated Larry Jose as chairman and Kathleen Fejes as vice chairman for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for another year. Nominations were closed and a vote to elect the slate was taken.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget - There is a 1.6% increase in the Parks and Recreation operating budget for 03-04.

A motion by Tom Krent, supported by Ida Edmunds, to rescind the Parks and Recreation section of the budget from the April 24, 2003 meeting and approve the Parks and Recreation operating budget for 2003-2004.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Park Designs - The concept plans for the five new park sites were presented to the public on April 30, 2003. The architects considered what residents wanted and the plans were well received. The plans are on the City's website for viewing.

C. Park Name submissions - Two additional requests for park names were received by this department. One was for "Sidney Strong" and the other was for Rotary Park. Sidney Strong is a duplicate of a previously received submission.

Public Comments

Richard Hughes spoke regarding the budget and the amount of tax money under the control of the DDA.

Member Comments

Jeff Stewart asked if the Rotary Club was willing to contribute funds for development and maintenance if a park is named after an organization. The issue of financial contribution and naming rights was discussed.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Directors Report - City Council reviewed the budget and made some cuts to the Parks and Recreation budget. The \$500,000.00 that was proposed for park development was eliminated along with disc golf and the pathway at Raintree. The Aquatic Center capital expenditures may be approved if the revenue/expenses exceeds the capital expenditures. We will be looking to grants for our funding.

The June meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be held at Section One golf course. Members should meet at the site at 7:30 p.m.

B. Recreation Report - The summer brochure has been mailed to residents and businesses. Registration for summer programs begins May 20.

We are fine tuning plans for online registration. The target date to have that up and running is the fall session.

The Aquatic Center Open House is May 23, 2003. All are welcome.

C. Parks Report - Arbor Day is May 9th and in celebration there will be a kite fly and a River-Birch tree planting at Firefighters park. The public is invited.

In response to Ida Edmunds question last month regarding the ratio of athletic field and parking lot to park-land; athletic fields take up 15% of the total acreage and parking lots take up approximately 2% of the total park land.

A fund raising event for the skate park will be on May 30th at Five Star Lanes. The skatepark slab will be poured when the weather is dry and the ramps will be shipped May 30th for installation soon after.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Williams